

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**On page 3, please delete the seventh full paragraph starting at line 28, and replace it with the following amended paragraph:**

~~Fig. 6~~Figs. 6(a) and 6(b) is-aare timing echartcharts showing the waveforms of the two types of output signals of the linear encoder 11.

**On page 4, please delete the fourth full paragraph starting at line 7, and replace it with the following amended one:**

~~Fig. 11~~Figs. 11(a) - 11(f) is-aare schematic diagramdiagrams for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when the upper left end, in the sub-scanning direction, of the print paper P leads the upper right end.

**On page 4, please delete the fifth full paragraph starting at line 12, and replace it with the following amended one:**

~~Fig. 12~~Figs. 12(a) - 12(f) is-aare schematic diagramdiagrams for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when the upper right end, in the sub-scanning direction, of the print paper P leads the upper left end by less than a distance h.

**On page 4, please delete the sixth full paragraph starting at line 17, and replace it with the following amended one:**

~~Fig. 13~~Figs. 13(a) and 13(b) is-aare schematic diagramdiagrams for describing Fig. 12(d) in detail.

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**On page 4, please delete the seventh full paragraph starting at line 19, and replace it with the following amended one:**

~~Fig. 14~~Figs. 14(a) - 14(l) ~~is~~are schematic ~~diagram~~diagrams for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when the upper right end, in the sub-scanning direction, of the print paper P leads the upper left end by at least a distance h.